

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on August 15, 2008. The Office Action is a restriction requirement. In this regard, restriction is required between three alleged groups of invention: Group I (Claims 1-24, 41-42, and 44); Group II (Claims 25-33, and 43); and Group III (Claims 34-40, and 45). In response, Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-24, 41-42, and 44). However, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

Respectfully submitted,

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